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Title: System And Method For Determining The Time Required To Complete A Print Job

Claim Summary:

Claims originally present: 1-17.

Claims previously canceled: none.

Claims previously amended: none.

Claims previously added: none.

Claims hereby canceled: none.

Claims hereby amended: 1 and 17.

Claims hereby being added: none.

Claims remaining: 1-17.

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Amendment "B"

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for print job time estimating, wherein said method is comprised of the steps of:

selecting a document to be printed;

selecting a first target printer;

viewing a characteristic of the document on the first target printer home page;

determining the amount of time required for the first target printer to print the document and, if necessary, selecting another target printer to print the document if the time required for the first target printer to print the document is not acceptable ; and

printing the document.

2. (Original) The method, as Claim 1, wherein said document selecting step is further comprised of the step of:

composing a document to be printed.

3. (Original) The method, as Claim 1, wherein said document selecting step is further comprised of the step of:

obtaining a target image from a first web site.

4. (Original) The method, as in Claim 1, wherein said viewing step is further comprised of the step of:

viewing a print preview image.

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5. (Original) The method, as in Claim 1, wherein said determining step is further comprised of the steps of:

viewing said document to be printed and determining a number of copies of said document to be printed; and

interacting with said target printer.

6. (Original) The method, as in Claim 5, wherein said interacting step is further comprised of the steps of:

employing a browser located substantially within a computer;

establishing a connection between said browser and a server located substantially on a printer; and

interacting between said browser and said server.

7. (Original) The method, as in Claim 5, wherein said interacting step is further comprised of the steps of:

employing a browser located substantially within a computer;

establishing a connection between said browser and a server located substantially on a first web site; and

interacting between said browser and said server.

8. (Original) The method, as in Claim 5, wherein said interacting step is further comprised of the steps of:

employing a browser located substantially within a computer;

establishing a connection between said browser and a server located substantially on a second computer; and

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interacting between said browser and said server.

9. (Original) The method, as in Claim 1, wherein said method is further comprised of the step of:

showing a preview of said characteristic of said document on a target printer home page.

10. (Original) The method, as in Claim 1, wherein said determining step is further comprised of the step of:

providing an indication from said target printer as to the amount of time required for said printer to complete said printing of said document.

11. (Original) The method, as in Claim 9, wherein said determining step is further comprised of the step of:

providing an indication from said target printer home page as to the amount of time required for said target printer to complete said printing of said document.

12. (Original) The method, as in Claim 1, wherein said determining step is further comprised of the step of:

calculating an estimated amount of time required to print said document on said target printer.

13. (Original) The method, as in Claim 10, wherein said indication is further comprised of:

a display means.

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14. (Original) The method, as in Claim 11, wherein said indication is further comprised of:

a display means.

15. (Original) The method, as in Claim 10, wherein said indication is further comprised of:

a light means.

16. (Original) The method, as in Claim 11, wherein said indication is further comprised of:

a light means.

17. (Currently Amended) A program storage medium readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program of instruction executable by the computer to perform method steps for using a resource of an external device, the method steps comprising:

selecting a document to be printed;

selecting a first target printer;

viewing a characteristic of the document on the first target printer home page;

determining the amount of time required for the first target printer to print the document and, if necessary, selecting another target printer to print the document if the time required for the first target printer to print the document is not acceptable; and

printing the document.

End of Amendment "B"